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SUBJECT: DIET RESUMES DELIBERATIONS

SUMMARY: DIET RESUMED DELIBERATIONS AUG 22 FOLLOWING
NORMALIZATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN LDP AND THREE OPPOSITION PARTIES.
LDP IS DETERMINED TO SECURE PASSAGE OF KEY BILLS BEFORE SESSION
ENDS SEPT 27. END SUMMARY

1. DIET RESUMED DELIBERATIONS ON AUG 22 FOLLOWING COMPROMISE
AGREEMENT SIGNED PREVIOUS DAY BY LDP, JSP, DSP AND NIIN CLUB.
ACCORDING TO TERMS OF AGREEMENT, LDP EXPRESSED REGRET
AT FORCED APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THREE HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS
COMMITTEES ON JULY 18 AND PROMISED TO HONOR EARLIER PLEDGES
THAT IT WOULD EMPLOY NO SUCH TACTICS IN FUTURE. BILLS INVOLVED
(JNR FARES, TSUKUBA UNIVERSITY, DEFENSE) WILL BE RETURNED TO
COMMITTEES FOR FURTHER DEBATE AND NEW VOTE. OTHER PROVISIONS
OF COMPROMISE WERE AGREEMENTS THAT DIET SESSION EXTENSIONS
WILL REQUIRE CONSULTATION BETWEEN TWO HOUSES; EFFORTS WILL
BE MADE TO ACCOMPLISH REFORMS AIMED AT MAKING DIET MANAGEMENT
MORE DEMOCRATIC, AND COMMITTEES WILL BE MANAGED IN MORE
REASONABLE FASHION.

2. JCP AND KOMEITO REFUSED TO SUPPORT AGREEMENT, ARGUING
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THAT RESUMPTION OF COMMITTEE DEBATE ON KEY BILLS DID NOT

ESTABLISH INVALIDITY OF ORIGINAL LDP FORCED VOTES. KOMEITO, HOWEVER, SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL DIET DELIBERATIONS, AND LOCAL OBSERVERS WERE OF OPINION JCP WOULD FOLLOW SUIT.

3. COMMENT: LDP APPEARS DETERMINED TO SECURE PASSAGE OF JNR FARE BILL, TSUKUBA UNIVERSITY BILL, TWIN DEFENSE BILLS AND HEALTH INSURANCE BILL BEFORE EXTENDED DIET SESSION ENDS. AT SAME TIME, WITH LESS THAN FORTY DAYS TO GO, PARTY COULD EXLMRIENCE TOUGH GOING AS IT STEERS THESE PIECES OF LEGISLATION THROUGH COMMITTEES TO FINAL FLOOR VOTE. IN ADDITION TO COPING WITH USUAL OPPOSITION OBSTRUCTIONISM, IT MUST OPERATE WITHIN CONSTRAINTS OF NORMALIZATION AGREEMENT WHICH MAKE ANY FURTHER UNILATERAL ACTION POLITICALLY HAZARDOUS ENTERPRISE. MOREOVER, DURING NEARLY ONE MONTH HIATUS IN PROCEEDINGS, OPPOSITION HAS ACCUMULATED COLLECTION OF ISSUES ON WHICH IT WILL SEEK TO GRILL GOVERNMENT IN DIET FORUM. CERTAIN TO GET ALMOST IMMEDIATE ATTENTION ARE KIM KIDNAP CASE, SR-71 FLIGHTS OUT OF OKINAWA AND VARIETY OF QUESTIONS DERIVING FROM NIXON-TANAKA SUMMIT.

4. BECAUSE MATTERS CITED WILL DOMINATE DIET IN WEEKS AHEAD, LARGE NUMBER OF BILLS STILL IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PROBABLY WILL NOT BE TAKEN UP. THESE BILLS, WHICH INCLUDE JFY 73 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BILL, SEVERAL BILLS RELATED TO JAPAN ARCHIPELAGO DEVELOPMENT, IMMIGRATION BILL AND OTHERS, WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED OVER TO EXTRAORDINARY DIET EXPECTED TO BE CONVENED IN MID-OCT AFTER PRIMIN TANAKA'S TRIPS TO EUROPE AND USSR. SHOESMITH

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